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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated December 18, 2007, which Action is a Final Rejection. The response is timely filed by the 3-month due date.

**Amendment to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.